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**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:26:47 PM Eastern Standard Time  
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Mr. Goode,

As you know, the Baltimore City Mayor's Office is in receipt of your request, attached. The Maryland Public Information Act ("PIA"), codified in Sections 4-101 *et. seq.* of the General Provisions ("GP"), Article of the Maryland Code governs your request. A request for public information under the PIA must be submitted to the custodian of the public records. GP § 4-202(a). Each governmental entity, including each Baltimore City agency, is the custodian of its own records. *See* Baltimore City Code, Art. 1 § 10-1. This response is on behalf of the Mayor's Office. Attached are the records responsive to your request.

Nothing in this response is intended to indicate that records sought from City agencies exist or to waive any privileges held by the Mayor and City Council. You may contest this response by filing a complaint in Circuit Court pursuant to GP Section 4-362.

Sincerely,



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The Baltimore City Mayor's Office is in receipt of your request attached, which is governed by the Maryland Public Information Act ("PIA"), Maryland Code, General Provisions Article ("GP"), Sections 4-101 *et seq.* We will process your request promptly. However, our response may take longer than 10 days, the reasons for which may include the scope of your request, the type and volume of potentially responsive records, and the nature of the search, review, and preparation that is required. In any event, we will respond to your request within 30 days. GP § 4-203.

We will contact you promptly if we need you to further clarify your request, and, if necessary, with the exact fee amount required to finish processing your request. Any fees charged will be based on the actual amount of time beyond 2 hours it will take one or more employees to search for, prepare, review, and reproduce the responsive records, at the prorated individual salaries of the personnel involved.

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Dear Mr. Bentley:

Please find attached a request for records under Maryland's public records laws.

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## GHHI News

### GHHI Utica-Oneida County Site Designation

On Tuesday, June 4th, Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr., Utica Mayor Robert M. Palmieri and the Lead-Free Mohawk Valley Coalition partners joined with Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) President and CEO Ruth Ann Norton in signing the local Compact establishing Utica-Oneida County as a designated GHHI site.

Oneida County, the City of Utica and other non-profit service providers will work in partnership as GHHI Utica-Oneida County to provide comprehensive and coordinated home interventions that address lead hazards, household injury and safety risks, housing rehabilitation and weatherization concerns in eligible housing.

Integrated home interventions will provide the area's most vulnerable families with access to a full complement of resources to address health and safety hazards in their homes, ensuring the health and well-being of the entire family while improving housing stability.

Continue reading at [GHHI](#).

### HUD Mid-Atlantic Lead and Healthy Homes Regional Summit

*to r. Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary for the Office of Field Policy and Management aU.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Joseph DeFelice; US Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams; GHHI President & CEO Ruth Ann Norton; GHHI VP of Policy and Innovation Michael McKnight.*

At the Lead and Healthy Homes Summit in Baltimore on June 27-28, 2019, senior federal leaders described how the intersections between health and housing come together while discussing the Federal Lead Action Plan and why housing is an important social determinant of health. Leading programs and local jurisdictions shared best practices on lead poisoning, asthma and healthy homes prevention initiatives and innovative funding.

## Resources for Better Living

GHHI is driven to break the link between unhealthy housing and unhealthy families. This is evident through our various programs to combat lead, asthma, energy inefficiency, and assist older adults to "age in place," in a safe and healthy home environment.

On June 21, 2019, GHHI hosted its first Resources for Better Living Fair for Baltimore City residents. The fair provided residents with an opportunity to learn and engage with non-profit organizations, small family-owned businesses, housing services programs and contractors that aid with home improvements, utility management, transportation, and legal assistance. Older residents often defer home improvements or repairs due lack of funds, mistrust of contractors or the fear of receiving low quality work for a high cost. To remedy this issue, all vendors were vetted for quality and pricing. Grants, flexible payment options or discounts were available for residents over 55 years old. Do It Yourself (DIY) demonstrations were held throughout the day to illustrate the safest way to properly install stair treads, weatherize door frames, and how to properly use basic home repair tools. The day full of resources for a healthy home also included free fresh produce for all attendees. One enthusiastic participant stated, "I am so happy that I came, all of this information was just what I needed, especially handrails."

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American spends 93% of their life indoors. No child or adult can thrive in an unhealthy environment and nor should they have to. Consider sponsoring a Resources for Better Living Day in your community!

GHHI announces that five organizations have been selected for the second cohort of Lead Catalytic Grant Awardees with each organization to receive \$20,000 in direct funding and an additional \$10,000 in technical assistance support. These grants support innovative, community-

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based organizations working to eliminate lead poisoning by: implementing lead poisoning prevention policies and best practices, increasing effective communication and public awareness and developing strategies that increase lead hazard reduction investments in primary prevention. Awardees are: Home Headquarters (Syracuse, NY), Partnership Effort for the Advancement of Children's Health (PEACH) (Durham, NC), GEEARS (Atlanta, GA), Memphis Urban League (Memphis, TN) and the Public Health Institute of Western MA (Springfield, MA). The Catalytic awards are part of GHHI's National Campaign to End Lead Poisoning, a national collective dedicated to the elimination of lead poisoning within five years. To read the full press release, visit [GHHI](#).

## Springfield Healthy Homes Asthma Program

[Ranked](#) the most challenging place in the United States to live with asthma in 2019, Springfield, MA is working hard to address this health crisis and create a healthier environment for residents. In May 2019, with technical assistance from GHHI, partners in Springfield launched the [Springfield Healthy Homes Asthma Program](#) (SHHAP) with the goal of making homes healthier. SHHAP provides evidence-based asthma services, including home visits by trained Community Health Workers, environmental home assessments by skilled Healthy Housing Professionals, and home remediation to eliminate asthma triggers. SHHAP is implemented by the Public Health Institute of Western MA, Baystate Pulmonary Rehabilitation, and Revitalize Community Development Corporation.

GHHI's Policy & Innovation team assisted the partners in refining their operational model, collecting and analyzing healthcare costs and utilization data, and designing a pilot, all of which led to a \$750,000 funding award from the Health Policy Commission to implement services. SHHAP aims to serve 150 asthmatics with the goal of reducing asthma-related hospitalizations by 15% and emergency department visits by 20% over 18 months.

## Highlights from the 2019 Maryland Asthma Summit

The Maryland Asthma Summit is an annual healthy housing event designed to bring together state and local stakeholders in Maryland in asthma care and management to discuss and learn about best practices, innovative research and interventions, and related policies. The Summit also serves as a space for open dialogue in the effort to form and sustain partnerships to address the burden of asthma and asthma disparities. The event is hosted by GHHI and the Greater Baltimore Asthma Alliance (GBAA), a community partnership of individuals and organizations who are committed to reducing the burden of asthma in the Greater Baltimore area, with support for the Summit from the Maryland Department of Health. Members of GBAA include local and state health departments, hospitals and clinics, non-profit organizations, and service providers.

## GHHI Sites

### GHHI Partners with Rhode Island Builders Association's (RIBA) Latino Advisory Board on Healthy Homes Training for Latino Contractors

GHHI Rhode Island, in partnership with the Rhode Island Builders Association (RIBA) Latino Advisory Board, is providing free 2-day bilingual workforce development trainings on healthy homes assessments and asthma specific housing interventions for registered Latino contractors in the State of Rhode Island. This partnership aims to increase healthy housing workforce capacity for Latino construction business owners to start their pathway as healthy homes environmental assessors and contractors that will also yield higher production of comprehensive housing interventions in the state. The training will provide education on building science, healthy homes principles, hazard assessment and prioritization, scope of work writing, remediation techniques and safe work practices (worker and occupant protections), quality control protocols and additional skills necessary for improving contractors economic opportunities. The training also seeks to assist in achieving more cost-effective healthy homes and asthma specific interventions.

A training will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at RIBA's Training Room in East Providence, RI. RIBA is a not-for-profit organization that works to provide leadership, education, technology and services to improve the skills of their members. RIBA's Latino Advisory Board seeks to decrease the barriers that exist for Latino contractors by helping them become successful business owners through RIBA membership and training.

A GHHI site was launched in Providence in 2012 and now includes GHHI Rhode Island which is advancing the integrated health, energy and housing model in other jurisdictions in the state. With support from GHHI Rhode Island Outcome Broker Margarita Robledo Guedes, the collaborative is creating a framework for the coordination of previously disconnected home repair, weatherization and health service delivery. Key partners include: Rhode Island Housing, City of Providence Dept. of Planning and Community Development, Rhode Island Attorney General, local housing departments and CAP weatherization agencies, Rhode Island Dept. of Health and the Asthma Control Program (HARP), Integra Community Care Network and Rhode Island Alliance for Healthy Homes.

## Lead Funding Toolkit

GHHI's Lead Funding Toolkit is a web-based practitioner's guide including over 40 sources of funding for residential lead hazard remediation, lead service line replacement and soil remediation. The Toolkit includes identified, proven lead funding solutions. The Toolkit outlines specific strategies for how to successfully access those funds for your community as well leveraging and deploying the various private, public and philanthropic lead funding sources. Learn how you can apply for and secure new lead funding.

Go to <https://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/ghhi-toolkits/> Contact Catherine Klinger, National Lead Campaign Director, for guidance on how to use the Toolkit at: [cklinger@ghhi.org](mailto:cklinger@ghhi.org)

## Resources and Helpful Information

### "Duty to Protect: Enhancing the Federal Framework to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning and Exposure to Environmental Harm" - *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics*

The just released *Duty to Protect* article provides a comprehensive overview of the dangers of lead exposure, details the federal government's evolving response to lead poisoning, and for the first time, disseminates previously unpublished comments on "Drafting a New Federal Strategy to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposure and Impacts," that were submitted to the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children in 2017, ahead of its most recent report. Authors include: Emily A. Benfer, Emily Coffey, Allyson Gold, Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, Dr. Bruce P. Lanphear, Helen Y. Li, Ruth Ann Norton, Dr. David J. Rosner and Kate Walz. Download the article at: [Duty to Protect Article](#)

### HUD Releases Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program NOFA - \$324 Million Available

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes has released the 2019 Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Grant Program NOFA. \$286 million in lead grant and \$38 million in Healthy Homes Supplemental grant funding is available for state, county and city jurisdictions! Grant applications are due August 9, 2019. Download the LHR Grant NOFA from Grants.gov or from HUD's website at: [HUD LHR Grant NOFA](#)

## Upcoming Events

Register for the 2019 GHHI Executive Leadership Institute:

[ELI Baltimore Registration](#)

## GHHI Announces New Team Member

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## GHHI Webinar: Preparing FY 2019 HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grants

Join the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative to review the grant application requirements for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's FY 2019 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program Application. Presenters will also discuss successful models for implementing housing programs for lead-based paint hazard control. The lead panelist for the session is Wes Stewart, GHHI's Vice President of Technical Assistance and Legal Services.

Please register for Preparing FY 2019 HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grants on Jul 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2674794431432261387>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### About this funding opportunity:

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard and Healthy Homes has released the 2019 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program NOFA. The NOFA makes an unprecedented

**\$324 million** in lead grant and Healthy Homes Supplemental grant funding available for state, county and city jurisdictions!

**Total Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Funds Available:** \$286,000,000

Maximum Lead Grant Award Amount: \$9,100,000 (High Impact Neighborhoods)

Minimum Lead Grant Award Amount: \$1,000,000

**Total Healthy Homes Supplemental Funds Available:** \$38,000,000

**Minimum Match Funds:** 10%

**Grant Application Due Date:** 8/9/19

**Estimated Grant Start Date:** 9/30/19

**HUD Lead Grant NOFA Webinar:** GHHI will conduct a full analysis of the 2019 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant NOFA and will be scheduling a webinar for its clients and partners in the coming weeks on the NOFA requirements.

### NOFA Weblink to download the NOFA:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy19\\_leadhazardreductiongrant](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy19_leadhazardreductiongrant)

Contact GHHI at 410-534-6447 if you have any questions on the NOFA or need assistance in preparing your 2019 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant application.

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August 1, 2019

Sub: Eliminating Homelessness and Poverty in the United States

To: The Members of the U.S. Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

Cc: The Hon. U.S. Elected Officials

Dear Public Servant,

I would like to thank you for receiving my recent letters pertaining to homelessness in the United States. Once again contacting the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development related to homelessness, and building low-affordable housing for the poor as usual by mail it is always the same response. HUD recommends that you contact the State of Georgia's CoC for specific information regarding HUD's priorities and all licensing requirement.

In the year 2010, I contacted HUD from Trenton, NJ (with a special concern towards Trenton, Camden, Newark and Jersey City) and received the same response as when contacting HUD from Augusta, Ga. in the year 2012. Now here in the year 2019 nothing's changed. I respect the efforts of any 501-C3 organization connected to any CoC subdivision of HUD, but the only collective effort I recognized after attending many CoC meetings is the Congressional Point of Time Count which is a determining factor related to funding based on the number of homeless people per region.

The goals of my proposed project to help end homelessness in the United States will perform the following duties if implemented: 1. Reduce homelessness, 2. Build low-affordable housing, 3. Rebuild dilapidated urban environments, 4. Create employment and employment training, and 5. Reduce crime and criminal recidivism. Which requires some partial research but for the most a determination of construction.

The present operating system within the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is old and outdated, it needs to be remanufactured to whereas it serves it purpose according to its mission statement in this day and time. Whereas as it delivers peace, happiness and domestic tranquility in the form of providing descent safe affordable low income housing for all less fortunate American citizens immediately.

Which includes revamping the United States Department of Housing Authority. Between the United States Department of Housing and Development and the United States Department of Housing Authority by law it is time to make some serious changes. Why? Because far too many American are left desolated. Most of the low-income housing projects that exist today were built between 1937 and 1951. They were designed and outlined with a twist of discrimination, they are old, unsafe and gang infested within urban ghettos in the United States.



When you combine urban neighborhoods with hundredths of abandon buildings along with drug and gang infested Housing Authority Development complex's that mixture is nothing but hell on earth. Housing authority developments were intended to be used as a tool of education elevation and success not battle grounds of destruction, which lower the home value of home owners in close proximate.

Now when you attached the mention above to the devastation that's happening within our country related to climate change daily it is not a pretty picture. Property is being destroyed every day in America from forest fires, hurricanes, tornados, twisters, flash floods and sometimes earthquakes.

After over 20 years of studying homelessness and urban environments in the United States starting from the city of Columbia, SC in 1994 with hands on experience, not from something some college student read in a school book. I am convinced that my proposed project can help build and rebuild better environments through urban America. We have the tools, machinery, and technology to make this project a reality.

It cost the tax-payer on an overall average \$125.00 per day to house one prisoner in the United States. It is cheaper to teach that convict a trade and put him to work building up America instead of tearing it down, and let him or her pay taxes than to continuous put the burden of keeping him or her in prison at the tax-payers expense. In order to get this proposed project on the road let me give you an outline of the necessary steps.

1. Complete a research process and outlining of proposed project to the point whereas, 2. It can be submitted for review, legislation and implementation. Poverty and squalor living conditions leads to bad health and diseases. Building better urban environments should be at the top of the list along with rebuilding America's infrastructure. Now I have a few options toward getting step one of this proposed project completed. 1. An elected official can either introduce legislation in favor of this project from the ground up, or 2. The solicitation process from the public, 3. Let HUD sponsor the project financially.

After writing various United States Congressional and Senate officials pertaining to this proposed nationwide project, because of legislative curtesy it was recommended that I forward my request to my district congressional representative. I submitted this information to my district representative and finally I received the same response from HUD as in the year 2010.

The United states Department of Housing and Urban Development was established on September 9, 1965, when Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act into law. Today the department employees 8,416 employees with a fiscal budget of approximately 40 billion dollars, and over 4,000 employees earn more than 6 figures per year. According to the Constitution of the United States of America, we the people, have a right to demand by law that the order of operations be change within this department to serve its purpose to the up-most reviving and revitalizing urban America. Let's build together.

Melvin Lorenzo Kelly

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## Region III Resilience Report

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### Upcoming Events:

8/7/2019 – 8/8/2019: Training – [Tugis: Maryland's Geospatial Conference](#) at Towson University, MD

8/19/2019 – 8/22/2019: Training – [Community Rating System \(L-278\)](#) in Henrico, VA

8/26/2019 – 8/29/2019: Training – [Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP \(E-273\)](#) in Emmitsburg, MD

9/17/2019: Training – [National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\) Training for Floodplain Administrators](#) in Harrisburg, PA

9/18/2019 – 9/19/2019 – [Pennsylvania Association of State Floodplain Managers 2019 Conference](#) in Harrisburg, PA

9/18/2019: Coffee Break – [Revisiting Loss Avoidance and the Benefit Cost Analysis Process](#), Webinar

9/19/2019: Training – [Community Resilience \(AWR-228\)](#) in Dover, DE

9/23/2019 – 9/26/2019: Training – [Fundamentals of Building Science \(E-312\)](#) in Emmitsburg, MD

9/23/2019 – 9/25/2019 – [APA 2019 Policy and Advocacy Conference](#) in Washington, D.C.

10/6/2019 – 10/8/2019 – [Maryland](#)

### HUD's Inaugural Innovative Housing Showcase highlights solutions to make housing more resilient

HUD innovative

In early June, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) hosted its first 'Innovative Housing Showcase.' The purpose of this event was to highlight solutions that make housing more resilient and affordable through a series of panel discussions, onstage interviews, housing-model exhibitions, and demonstrations. Over 2,500 people attended the event, including policymakers, housing industry representatives, media groups, and the general public. Some of the topics covered at the showcase include tunneling solutions, tiny houses, disaster mitigation, and the impacts of housing policies. Speakers represented a wide variety of agencies, including HUD, FEMA, the Veterans Health Administration, the National Association of Home Builders, and the Institute for Sustainable Living. HUD is a strong supporter of housing resiliency and has continued to offer disaster recovery assistance funding to make positive impacts in post-disaster areas.

There were 12 exhibitors at the Housing Showcase, including advocacy groups and innovative development companies. Companies at the event showcased

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[Planning Association Biennial Conference](#) in Cumberland, MD

10/11/2019 – Training – [CFM \(Certified Floodplain Manager\) Exam](#) in Cranberry Township, PA

10/15/2019 – 10/17/2019 – [New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management 2019 Conference](#) in Atlantic City, NJ

10/20/2019 – 10/22/2019 – [Pennsylvania APA Annual Conference](#) in Reading, PA

10/21/2019 – 10/25/2019: Training - [Foundations of Emergency Management with the Maryland Emergency Management Institute](#) in Emmitsburg, MD

10/27/2019 – 10/29/2019 – [2019 Keystone Emergency Management Association's Emergency Preparedness Conference](#) in Altoona, PA

11/7/2019 – [Maryland Floodplain and Stormwater Managers \(MAFSM\) Conference](#) in Linthicum, MD

11/20/2019: Coffee Break – [Tracking Risk Reduction through Your Capabilities Assessment](#), Webinar

1/29/2020: Coffee Break – [Incorporating Historic and Cultural Resources in Your Hazard Mitigation Plan](#), Webinar

unique housing tools and technologies that are less expensive and more environmentally sustainable than traditional construction methods, i.e. directional tunneling to more easily install infrastructure and modular housing. Additionally, one company had a specialty in structural moving and elevation. A theme of the event was making housing more resilient against natural disasters, such as tornadoes and floods. The technological innovations displayed at the showcase, like manufactured homes built with stronger construction materials, are great examples of more resilient housing options. These strategies may also be essential tools for providing affordable housing options for disaster survivors.

HUD plans to run this event each year. Applications for 2020 exhibition spaces are open until August 5, 2019. Please visit [HUD's website](#) for more information about the event and opportunities for next year.

## Allegheny County takes action to address landslides

Southwestern Pennsylvania has the highest concentrations of landslides in the Commonwealth. After experiencing record-setting rainfall in 2018, and with 2019 shaping up to be another wet year, the risk of landslides in the area has increased. Preliminary Damage Assessments conducted after a series of landslides in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties in February, March, and April of 2018 estimated total damages at over \$22 million. As of January 2019, there were 85 active landslides that PennDOT was monitoring on its roadways in Allegheny, Beaver, and Lawrence Counties.

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To address this growing issue, Allegheny County formed a Landslide Task Force. This Task Force is co-chaired by Emergency Services and Public Works and aims to gather information, share resources, and develop strategies to address landslides, mudslides, and other flood-related hazards. The Task Force has started meeting with community officials from the 130 municipalities in the county to discuss susceptibility to future landslides, securing travel routes during emergencies, and mitigation funding opportunities to address landslides. The county will ultimately develop a plan to help communities address landslides.

Work is also being done in the county to help educate community officials and the public about risks associated with landslides. The Allegheny Land Trust launched an online mapping application to help communities in the region protect land. This map, the [Greenprint Planning Tool](#), features layers that highlight landslide-prone areas, sensitive slope areas, past landslide events, and more. This tool can be used not only for planning purposes, but also to help educate residents and business owners about areas that may be at higher risk.

## Upcoming Coffee Break: Revisiting Loss Avoidance and the Benefit Cost Analysis Process

September 18, 2019 from 11AM EDT - 12PM EDT

During last year's Loss Avoidance Coffee Break, participants raised a number of questions about how to specifically quantify benefits and conduct a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) calculation for grant applications, political

coffee break

buy-in, or otherwise. The webinar will provide a more in-depth discussion on what counts in the calculation, how to quantify benefits, what challenges communities have faced, and possible solutions and recommendations for future analyses. To register, please click [here](#).

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## Six startups receive grants to address flooding and sea-level rise in Hampton Roads area

RISE, a non-profit venture based in the [third article](#) Hampton Roads area of Virginia, has a mission to fund small businesses that are developing solutions to flooding and sea-level rise. RISE was awarded \$10 million in State and Federal funding to spend over a five-year period and kicked off the campaign with a competition to award \$1.5 million to projects and groups that embodied its mission.

Recently, [RISE announced the six winners of the \\$1.5 million competition](#), which consisted of local groups and firms from all over the country. The winners are now tasked with implementing their innovative business plans to combat the effects of flooding and sea-level rise in Hampton Roads.

Several local organizations proposed unique ideas and solutions to tackle flooding and sea-level rise in the area. One of those winners was Building Resilient Solutions, a group that is working to identify and develop different methods of retrofitting existing (especially older) houses to reduce the risk of flooding. Another innovative idea came from a group called InfraSGA, who proposed a plan to make bioswales (a stormwater management tool that holds water under sidewalks or in open areas under landscaping) easier to install and maintain. A third local winner was Resilience Landscape Partnership, a consortium of groups focused on training a workforce in Hampton Roads to support the growing need to build and maintain green infrastructure.

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## University of Maryland releases report on the growing threat of urban flooding

This past November, the Center for [flooding](#) Disaster Resilience at the University of Maryland and the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores at Texas A&M University released a [joint report](#) on the effects of urban flooding. This is the first national assessment of the scope and consequences of urban flooding throughout the U.S.

Urban flooding is a relatively new category of risk, and is marked by repetitive, costly, and systemic impacts on communities regardless of proximity to formally designated floodplains. This is an increasingly prominent issue across U.S. cities; data shows that urban flooding occurs in every state nearly every day. This risk exists for large and small cities alike; however, smaller cities are potentially more vulnerable as they may lack the necessary capabilities and capital to implement flood mitigation projects. Urban flooding has led to immense economic loss, social disruption, and housing inequalities.

Many factors contribute to urban flooding, including population growth, aging stormwater infrastructure, increased downtown development, and changing weather patterns. As the number and intensity of storms continues to increase, many communities are unable to manage runoff from large rainfall events. Urban footprints are continuing to expand; it is important that the management of runoff is considered in development so that urban flooding can be avoided.

One of the greatest risk factors of urban flooding is the general lack of data and research on the topic. While riverine and coastal flooding have been carefully tracked for decades, urban flooding is a more recent phenomenon affecting U.S. cities. Washington, D.C. has taken the lead towards finding solutions for urban flooding by creating an [urban flood risk map](#). In coordination with the D.C. Silver Jackets, an interagency team devoted to reducing flood risk in the District, this team used its diverse resources to determine the most resilient and sustainable urban flood solutions around the District. The report also highlights how the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the City of Baltimore have both worked to map areas that have been affected by urban flooding, many of which are scattered through the City. Communities affected by urban flooding should look to these efforts for inspiration to undertake their own urban flood mitigation projects. As described in the urban flooding report, this is best done through a comprehensive approach that includes many different agencies and public officials.

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## FEMA releases Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook

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FEMA recently released a new resource to help in Tribal mitigation planning. The [Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook](#) is a tool for Tribal governments to use when developing a mitigation plan and provides practical approaches and advice to help develop or update the plan.

The Tribal Handbook focuses on how Tribes can build mitigation plans that reduce long-term risk from natural hazards. The handbook is organized around seven recommended steps for developing a Tribal mitigation plan. It provides an overview of the planning process and reviews each step of the process in detail. The handbook further outlines considerations for how to implement the mitigation plan, advance mitigation activities, and incorporate risk reduction into other Tribal plans and programs.

## Wilmington's 7th Street Peninsula Study addresses flood mitigation and resiliency

concept plan wilmington (2)

Wilmington's East 7th Street Peninsula is home to several community assets, including the Hendrickson House Museum, Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard and Museum, Fort Christina National Park, and a variety of commercial and industrial businesses. However, limited access to and from the peninsula, traffic circulation, and flooding are primary concerns in the area. Flooding occurs on the East 7th Street Peninsula after significant storm events and even during high tide in any weather condition. To address these concerns, the City of Wilmington, in coordination with the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), Willington Initiatives, and the Delaware Department of Transportation, undertook a [planning study](#) to identify immediate, short-term, and long-term actions to protect existing assets and improve resiliency in the area.

One immediate proposed action identified was developing a detailed resiliency implementation plan for the Peninsula that will focus on identifying ideal roadway and building elevations for any future development in the area and assessing whether more stringent floodplain or building code regulations may be needed to regulate any future development and redevelopment in the area. Other short-term actions planned for the next 5 years include elevating roadways to ensure safe travel during flood events; constructing a stormwater retention pond; installing bulkheads; and identifying crucial open-space areas for acquisition. Long-term actions identified in the plan included elevating existing lots in tandem with improvements to existing facilities; implementing living shorelines; and acquiring key open-space areas for preservation. In addition to these flood mitigation improvements, the plan proposes several transportation improvements to improve connectivity between the Peninsula and adjacent neighborhoods and to create a recreational Riverwalk. The plan also outlines cost estimates and next steps. The planning process featured a series of workshops and other engagement opportunities to gather input from the public and other key stakeholders.

By identifying an issue and seeking funding support from WILMAPCO, the City of Wilmington was able to position itself well to begin implementing flood mitigation improvements on the East 7th Street Peninsula.

## Urban Land Institute releases study on climate risk and real estate investment decision-making

SIXTH ARTICLE

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) recently published a [report](#) exploring the relationship between future climate risks and real estate investment decision-making. The purpose of this report is to look at the current state of the real estate investment industry; how does the industry understand, approach, and address climate risk in investment management? Specifically, what are the types of risk that can affect real estate investment? What impacts could these have on investment practices and returns? How do industry leaders view these risks? What actions are being taken to better manage these risks?

While the real estate investment industry is beginning to develop strategies for recognizing, understanding, and managing climate risks, it still mainly relies on insurance coverage to fall back on in case of emergencies. Insurance currently covers the cost of physical damages, like those caused by changes in weather patterns. However, it does not cover damages caused by transitional risks or the loss of asset liquidity associated with these risks. For example, market volatility, policies and regulation, available resources, and market position can all increase risk by increasing operational costs. These types of risk are difficult to measure, which contributes to the lack of investors considering future climate risks. Furthermore, insurance data shows that rates are steadily climbing, especially in areas that have already been affected by disasters. The report argues that continuing to rely on insurance is not a sustainable practice.



risks continue to affect real estate.

As changes in weather patterns occur, top real estate investors are leading the way with resiliency projects. For example, after the 2013 floods in Alberta, Canada, an investment manager moved backup generators to higher floors and modified water-pumping systems. This investor saw the risk of future floods and took action to mitigate that risk. While some investors may choose to avoid investing in areas with high climate risk, the report highlights that many are instead incorporating mitigation strategies into their projects. Another example is a case study from Miami, Florida. The City worked with regional partners to conduct several climate risk assessments. Based on these plans, the City has implemented many infrastructure improvements to make more storm-resilient communities. While Miami has historically faced high risk from hurricanes and other large storms, the City has worked to make its neighborhoods more resilient.

The report makes several recommendations that investment managers should consider to protect the investment industry, such as improvements in annual and quarterly climate risk resiliency reporting, and collaboration between investors and City leaders in vulnerable areas to support commitment to and implementation of mitigation projects. Undertaking these strategies is important for decreasing both physical and transitional risk in the real estate industry.

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## Best Practice: City of Huntington's Street Flooding Mitigation Plan

The City of Huntington, West Virginia recently [hv2](#) partnered with the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission to develop the [City of Huntington Street Flooding Mitigation Plan](#). The need for a plan to specifically address street flooding stemmed from historic flooding issues related to the City of Huntington's combined stormwater system. During moderate rainfall events, the stormwater system lacks adequate capacity, causing a mix of stormwater and sewage to flood the streets, many of which are key travel corridors in the City of Huntington.

The goal of the plan was to evaluate and address mobility issues arising from flooding in the City of Huntington. The multi-disciplinary study went through a thorough planning process and engaged a comprehensive list of stakeholders to consider topics such as transportation, stormwater management, and emergency services.

The key goals of the City of Huntington Street Flooding Mitigation Plan included:

- Evaluate and address mobility issues arising from flooding and related events
- Identify stormwater improvements that would positively affect the traffic network
- Identify mitigation measures that can be taken to decrease the likelihood of future catastrophic flood events
- Study the flow of all traffic (motorized and non-motorized) through the identified problem areas

The outcome of the City's Street Flooding Mitigation Plan was a series of actionable recommendations that focused on the key categories of transportation, stormwater, and emergency services. The plan identified preferred recommendations and alternative solutions. Many of the recommendations were project-based and included details such as planning-level cost estimates, project timelines, and funding opportunities for each project.

The City of Huntington Street Flooding Mitigation Plan represents a best practice of a collaborative planning process working to mitigate flood risk. It serves as a model for the unique intersection between flood mitigation and transportation and mobility planning.

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## Spotlight: Eric Stahley, Columbia County Resiliency Officer

[bio](#) In Pennsylvania, Columbia County is continuously looking for ways to reduce flood risk for its residents and business-owners. The County Commissioners recognized the need for an individual to lead this effort and created the

Resiliency Officer position. This position would be tasked with working with communities to identify flood issues and mitigate their impacts.

In this edition of the Spotlight, we interview Eric Stahley, Columbia County's first Resiliency Officer. Eric has set out to accomplish the Commissioners' goals to make their community more resilient.

**Q:** Will you tell us about your position as Columbia County's Resiliency Officer and how the position came about?

**Eric:** I officially started in January 2016, which was right around the time that Columbia County was finishing a major flood control project. The Columbia County Water Management Authority (CCWMA) was also created soon after as the entity responsible for operation and maintenance of the floodwall. The County saw a need for my position to coordinate with the CCWMA throughout the year and during flood events. The County also recognized the benefit to having an individual that could interact with municipalities and provide technical assistance with floodplain management and grant applications. This position was also intended to help the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team address flooding and resiliency during the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

**Q:** What does your day-to-day look like in this role?

**Eric:** Day to day, I interact more with our municipal partners than I do with the general public. As administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is the responsibility of the municipalities, they are the ones that give ordinance interpretations and make floodplain determinations for their residents. But if a community has a question related to a specific issue identified by a resident, they can call me. So, I typically assist municipalities but don't interact with residents directly.

I am also tasked with coordinating with local chambers of commerce and economic development agencies to assist with any hazard mitigation and resiliency initiatives for existing and potential businesses.

**Q:** Are you partaking in any outreach efforts to home and business owners about flood risk?

**Eric:** I assist the municipalities with outreach to their local constituents. I also work with the Columbia County Emergency Management Agency, State officials, watershed associations, real estate organizations, civic clubs, and school districts. I make presentations on topics such as what to do after a flood, how to floodproof your home, cheap and easy things that will make your home more resilient, and how the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act relates to flood insurance premiums. I also present on topics such as floodproofing through our housing agencies.

**Q:** What are some flood risk management projects you are working on in the County to increase resiliency?

**Eric:** We have a number of active projects at this time. Currently, the Town of Bloomsburg and the Bloomsburg School District are undergoing an expansion of an existing flood control project. Once completed, the CCWMA will be responsible for the operation and maintenance on that project.

The Fishing Creek Watershed experienced severe flooding last summer and was identified as in need of additional support for streambank restoration, debris removal, and mitigation projects. The County just received a \$500,000 grant that we are using to establish a local grant program. Through this program, municipalities will be able to apply for this grant funding for mitigation and flood risk reduction projects, specifically in the Fishing Creek Watershed. In addition, I am working with the Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to perform a comprehensive study of the Fishing Creek Watershed to determine which projects will benefit the largest number of constituents. Through this partnership, we are also investigating the use of conservation easements to allow for a floodplain to "do what it does" by flooding certain areas, while providing a relief valve for others.

Additionally, the CCWMA is working with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to purchase and install gauges that would be part of the USGS stream gauge network along Fishing Creek to help us collect more accurate stream data. The gauges will also act as an early warning system for municipalities along Fishing Creek.

**Q:** What is your relationship with local floodplain managers?

**Eric:** Before I came to work for Columbia County, I worked for one of the local municipalities for almost 25 years. Part of my role was to act as the Floodplain Administrator. During my time there, I got to know all of my municipal colleagues and carried those relationships with me to my current job. Columbia County is rural, and all the municipalities work well together because of the smaller nature of our communities.

**Q:** Have you worked with communities on the Community Rating System (CRS) Program?

**Eric:** Currently, the Town of Bloomsburg is the only CRS Community in Columbia County. However, I'm the local contact person for the Pennsylvania CRS Users Group. We formed this group about two years ago as a clearinghouse for information, and it has

helped communities share information, ask questions, and request assistance from a neighbor. For example, if someone creates a pamphlet or other educational materials, they share them with the group so others can do similar outreach without starting from scratch.

The group distributes information via mail, meets in-person, and offers members who can't make meetings the opportunity to call-in so that everyone can stay informed. This is really important for smaller communities who may not have the same resources as a larger city. We currently have about 75 communities in the group across the state.

*Note: The interview above has been edited for length.*

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Dear Mayors,

Please see below for the opportunity to join a call with the White House, NLC, and USCM regarding opportunity zones.

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This is a reminder of today's Opportunity Zone briefing call hosted by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs in conjunction with the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council and in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities. The purpose of the call is to provide the nation's mayors and other municipal officials with an update on the White House Opportunity & Revitalization Council's ongoing work, highlight and share best practices and success stories from communities around the country, and answer pertinent questions. Among other topics, we will discuss recent regulatory and implementation developments, including the continued streamlining, coordinating, and targeting of existing Federal grant programs and otherwise towards Opportunity Zones. If you would like to participate, please register below. If you have already RSVP'd through the link below, please disregard this email. If you RSVP'd but did not receive dial-in instructions, please resubmit your information and ensure that your email address is entered in correctly.

### **Opportunity Zone Conference Call**

- **Date:** August 2, 2019
- **Time:** 2:00PM EDT
- **Call-In Information:** [RSVP Here](#)
- **Media:** This call is not intended for press purposes.

### ***Background on Opportunity Zones***

In 2017, President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which established Opportunity Zones to incentivize long-term investments in low-income communities across the country. These incentives offer capital gains tax relief to investors for new investment in designated Opportunity Zones. Opportunity Zones are anticipated to spur \$100 billion in private capital investment. Qualified Opportunity Zones retain this designation for 10 years. Investors can defer tax on any prior gains until no later than December 31, 2026, so long as the gain is reinvested in a Qualified Opportunity Fund, an investment vehicle organized to make investments in Qualified Opportunity Zones. In addition, if the investor holds the investment in the

Opportunity Fund for at least ten years, the investor would be eligible for an increase in its basis equal to the fair market value of the investment on the date that it is sold. More than 8,760 communities in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 5 Territories have been designated as Opportunity Zones. Nearly 35 million Americans live in communities designated as Opportunity Zones. Importantly, an estimated 45% of designated opportunity zones are located in rural census tracts.

In April 2019, the White House hosted over 170 municipal and county officials for a Opportunity Zone Conference. The event consisted of briefings and discussion on regulatory and implementation developments, sharing best practices, and highlighting successes. You can find a full video recap of the event here: [White House Opportunity Zone Conference](#).

Sincerely,

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**President Donald Trump Is Lifting Up American Communities That Have Been Left Behind**

“[O]ur tax bill also creates new opportunity zones rewarding those who invest in distressed communities and create more jobs for those who have, too often, simply been left behind.” – President Donald J. Trump

**ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT: Opportunity Zones will spur private investment to revitalize hurting communities and unleash their economic potential.**

- In 2017, President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which established Opportunity Zones to incentivize long-term investments in low-income communities across the country.
- These incentives offer capital gains tax relief to investors for new investment in designated Opportunity Zones.
- Opportunity Zones are anticipated to spur \$100 billion in private capital investment.
- Incentivizing investment in low-income communities fosters economic revitalization and job creation, and promotes sustainable economic growth across the Nation.

**LIFTING UP COMMUNITIES: Opportunity Zones help drive economic growth and lift up communities that have been left behind.**

- Opportunity Zones are a powerful vehicle for bringing economic growth and job creation to the American communities that need them the most.
  - On average, the median family income in an Opportunity Zone is 37 percent below the state median.
  - The average poverty rate in an Opportunity Zone is 32 percent, compared with the national rate of 17 percent.
- 8,761 communities in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 5 Territories have been designated as Opportunity Zones.
  - Nearly 35 million Americans live in communities designated as Opportunity Zones.

**CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL: President Donald J. Trump is encouraging investment to create opportunity in distressed communities.**

- In 2018, President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council.
  - The Council is chaired by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Ben Carson, and is comprised of 16 Federal agencies.
- The Council is engaging all levels of government to identify best practices and assist leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs utilize the Opportunity Zone incentive to revitalize low-income communities.
- The Council is improving revitalization efforts by streamlining, coordinating, and targeting existing Federal programs to economically distressed areas, including Opportunity Zones.
  - Lack of coordination and targeting has led to cumbersome applications, program waste, and ineffective benefits.
- The Council will consider legislative proposals and undertake regulatory reform to remove barriers to revitalization efforts.
- The Council will present the President with a number of reports identifying and recommending ways to encourage investment in economically distressed communities.

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NAME: D M  
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MESSAGE:

TO: The Honorable Bernard Young, Mayor of Baltimore, CC Dr. Ben Carson, Rep. Mark Meadows, Baltimore Sun

RE: Meeting With President Trump

There is a time and purpose for everything; there is a time to be brave and tough; there is also a time to be temperate; time to break down and build up; time to keep silent and a time to speak; there is a time to show patience, kindness, compassion, humility, mercy and forgiveness. Frederick Douglass worked with President Lincoln. Slaves joined the Union Army. After the War. Slavery was abolished. Dr. Martin Luther King worked with President Johnson. As a result, the Civil Rights Bill was passed. What if Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman had chosen to stand down until the country elected someone better than President Lincoln, or better than President Johnson?

Mayor Young, Life is about choices. You have a choice to continue to play politics with the Democrats or use this lifetime opportunity to Rebuild Baltimore. I believe if you contact the president, you will get a positive response. However, if Democrat continue to resist everything, the president will only pushback 10 xs harder or if possible simply go around them.

Second, Everyone knows President Trump is a blow off! So Why would anyone expect President Trump to respond differently to Rep. Cummings than he would anyone else. Is it because Rep. Cummings is an African American. New Hampshire is 98.8% White and the Governor is one of his major supporters; yet, President Trump made similar remark about New Hampshire. The Governor told the president he was offended and everyone moved on. In fact, they are still friends today. President Trump is a NYC hardnose businessman, not a smooth talking politician. Otherwise, his business probably would not have survived.

<https://www.newsweek.com/trump-new-hampshire-won-drugs-645988>

<http://joemiller.us/2019/01/democratic-congressman-who-called-trump-a-grand-wizard-says-he-never-called-the-president-racist/>

<https://thehill.com/opinion/civil-rights/375693-With-cries-of-racist-and-Nazi-Democrats-betray-our-history>

IT IS TIME FOR RENEWAL, RESTORATION, RECONCILIATION. FORGIVENESS. WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING THAT WE ARE LIVING ON THE BEST PLANET, IT IS TIME FOR ALL OF US TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BRING OUR COUNTRY TOGETHER; FOCUS ON THE GOOD AND HOPE FOR BETTER FUTURE;

LET'S STAY PRAYERFUL, REPENT, AND KEEP THE FAITH. Bernice King (Dr. Martin Luther King's youngest child): It is easy to become bitter. It is easy to become angry. It is easy to want to take revenge. However, we must have the capacity to understand that 'by destroying them, part of me is being destroyed.'

Apostle Paul writes "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith; If we live in the spirit, let us walk in the spirit. Galatians 5:22-25)

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we don't see. Hebrew 11:1 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Let the Light Shine Brightly

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MESSAGE:

A story reported this evening from a HUD representative.

"President Trump's administration gave \$16 billion in federal grants to Elijah Cummings district in Baltimore in 2018.

"My question to you guys is this: what are you actually doing with the money?"

The citizens of Baltimore and American taxpayers expect a report that discloses how this money has been distributed.

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MESSAGE:

You have fired back at Pres. Trump's critique of the city, asking for help. Well, here's the thing... the city already received federal aid, in the form of a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing grant awarded to the city under President Obama's 2009 stimulus act. And, in an audit report by the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which handled the funds, said that 100% of Baltimore's expenditures were "unsupported" at the time of the audit, compared to 0.6% of the funds spent by New York City and 0.48% by Houston.

So, how much more help does the Federal Government need to give, when the city administration is rife with corruption?

I used work in the Mount Vernon area of Baltimore, about 2 years ago, and let me ask you; what has Elijah Cummings actually done to help revitalize the city and the black community? During the last Presidential Administration, we had a black President who sat just 30 miles south of the city, why didn't Elijah Cummings bring the city's plight to Pres. Obama? Better yet, why didn't Elijah Cummings bring the city's plight to congressional forum? You honestly can't defend Elijah Cummings, and make believe that the city is a perfect Utopia. Also, why didn't anyone give Bernie Sanders any shit for his statement when he compared Baltimore to a Third-World country?

<https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-campaign-digs-up-2015-bernie-sanders-quote-criticizing-baltimore-2019-7>

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I watched you on TV, what a poor noodle back response to your city's response!

You need money

For

HUD

Food stamps

Transportation

As is money for free is going to solve your city's filth, how did somebody like you get elected?

Did you promise the people something you couldn't open your wallet for?

I guess the people who elected you didn't have any education.

You should show yourself worthy roll up you big city suit cuffs and pick up the trash in the streets, make sure kids are getting the best education so they don't have to get food stamps and drugs. Clean up your smelly sick mess first.

Carol Stewart

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On Friday, August 2, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, in conjunction with the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council and in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities, is hosting an Opportunity Zone briefing and discussion call with Senior White House and Administration Officials, including Scott Turner (Executive Director, White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council). The purpose of the call is to provide the nation's mayors and other municipal officials with an update on the White House Opportunity & Revitalization Council's ongoing work, highlight and share best practices and success stories from communities around the country, and answer pertinent questions. Among other topics, we will discuss recent regulatory and implementation developments, including the continued streamlining, coordinating, and targeting of existing Federal grant programs and otherwise towards Opportunity Zones. If you would like to participate, please register below. If you have already registered, please disregard this email.

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- **Note:** A call agenda will be shared with registered attendees on Thursday, August 1.

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- The Council is engaging all levels of government to identify best practices and assist leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs utilize the Opportunity Zone incentive to revitalize low-income communities.
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On Friday, August 2, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, in conjunction with the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council and in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities, is hosting an Opportunity Zone briefing and discussion call with Senior White House and Administration Officials, including Scott Turner (Executive Director, White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council). The purpose of the call is to provide the nation's mayors and other municipal officials with an update on the White House Opportunity & Revitalization Council's ongoing work, highlight and share best practices and success stories from communities around the country, and answer pertinent questions. Among other topics, we will discuss recent regulatory and implementation developments, including the continued streamlining, coordinating, and targeting of existing Federal grant programs and otherwise towards Opportunity Zones. If you would like to participate, please register below. Please feel free to share with your colleagues.

### **Opportunity Zone Conference Call**

- **Date:** August 2, 2019
- **Time:** 2:00PM EDT
- **Call-In Information:** [RSVP Here](#)
- **Media:** This call is not intended for press purposes.

### ***Background on Opportunity Zones***

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In April 2019, the White House hosted over 170 municipal and county officials for a Opportunity Zone Conference. The event consisted of briefings and discussion on regulatory and implementation developments, sharing best practices, and highlighting successes. You can find a full video recap of the event here: [White House Opportunity Zone Conference](#).

Sincerely,

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## Celebrating Our Small Cities

While a large proportion of the United States continues to be urban, a growing majority of Americans live in small towns with populations between 2,500 and 50,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. These are the places where government is personal and strong foundations for community are built.

Here are four reasons we're celebrating Small Cities this July.

### **New NLC Initiative and HUD Grants for Healthy Housing**

City leaders now have two new opportunities to help ensure their residents live in healthy housing free of indoor environmental hazards.

### **Racial Bias in Facial Recognition Technology: What City Leaders Should Know**

On July 1, San Francisco effected a ban on facial recognition technology - the first of its kind in the US. There are a variety of issues that facial recognition technology represent for

cities; highest among them is transparency.

### **Unpacking the "Bridgegate" Case**

The more technical question in this case is whether a public official "defrauds" the government of its property by advancing a "public policy reason" for an official decision that is not the subjective "real reason" for making the decision.

### **Using an Equity Lens to Build Age-Friendly Cities**

When cities, towns and villages think about generational needs, it's important to take into account the power dynamics that create systems, policies and practices that advantage one group of people over another.

[Hit by a Tourist Boom, Cities Wonder When to Stop Self-Promotion](#)

*CityLab* - July 5, 2019

[Preserving Affordable Housing in Charlotte](#)

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[Wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes: How utilities are preparing for a summer of storms](#)

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## Announcements

### [Are you feeling the love?](#)

NLC's Love My City Campaign is up and running across the country! Check out our new [#LoveMyCity website](#) for tools, tricks and a custom, downloadable Love My City logo!

### [How do we fix the American housing crisis?](#)

One community at a time. We invite you to join us for "Homeward Bound: The Road to Affordable Housing" on July 9 for the release of NLC's new national report. Local elected officials from some of America's most acutely affected cities will discuss how we can solve this crisis, once and for all. [Register here to join in person, or here to join via Facebook Live.](#)

## Events

**July 17 - 20** [National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Summer Conference](#) (Jackson, Mississippi)

**July 24 - 27** [Hispanic Elected Local Officials Summer Conference](#) (Bridgeport, Connecticut)

**July 24 - 27** [Women in Municipal Government Summer Conference](#) (Bridgeport, Connecticut)

**November 20 - 23** [NLC 2019 City Summit](#) (San Antonio, Texas)

## Job Postings

[Director of Planning & Community & Economic Development](#) -- City of Madison, Wisconsin

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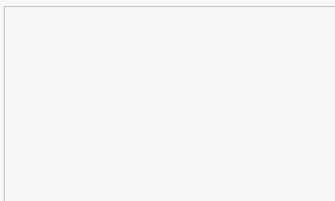
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## Democratic Mayors' Newsletter

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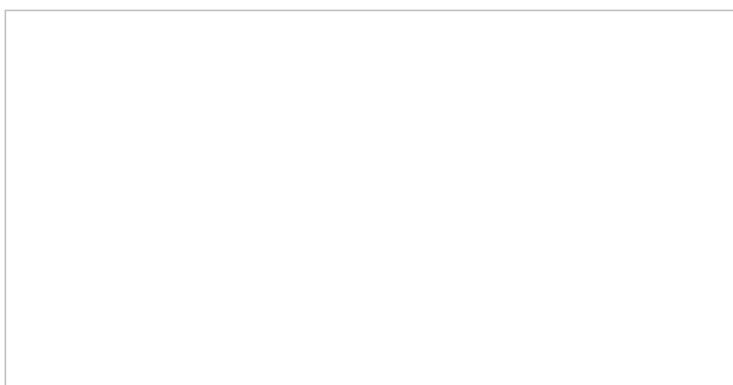
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Keep up with the Democratic Mayors on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook!](#)

To view summaries of the 2019 State of the City Addresses, click [here](#).

## Upcoming Mayoral Races

### Nashville, TN



*Left to Right: Nashville Mayoral candidates Carol Swain, Jon Sewell, John Cooper, John Ray Clemmons, Mayor David Briley and Jody Ball.*

**Nashville will hold a non-partisan Mayoral election next Thursday, August 1.**

**Mayor David Briley**, who won the city's special election last summer to serve out the remainder of former Mayor Megan Barry's term, is running for his first full term as Mayor of Nashville.



If no candidate receives a majority of the vote next Thursday, a runoff election will be held on September 12.

Mayor Briley's challengers include the following:

- **John Ray Clemmons**, incumbent State Representative for the 55th District
- **John Cooper**, member of the Metropolitan Council
- **Carol M. Swain**, former Vanderbilt professor and second-place finisher in the 2018 Nashville Mayoral special election
- **Jody Ball**, business owner and former law enforcement officer
- **Jimmy Lawrence**, small business owner
- **Harold "Hollywood Howie" Garoutte**, retired U.S. Army sergeant and owner and operator of Southern Country Radio
- **Jon Sewell**, actor, carpenter, and 2018 Candidate in the Nashville Mayoral special election
- **Julia Marguerite Clark-Johnson**, driving instructor, former public servant, and 2018 Candidate for Nashville Mayoral Election

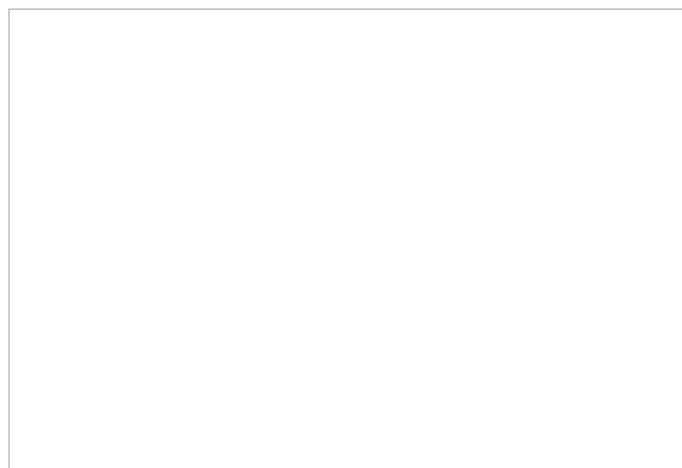
Mayor Briley aims to build on the accomplishments of his first year in office, including establishing a college scholarship program for public school graduates, adding 5,000 new jobs from Amazon's operations center, maintaining property tax rates, and investing \$500 million in affordable housing.

Mayor Briley has been endorsed by former Nashville Mayor and Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen, the Nashville Business Coalition, and a number of Council Members.

Six Mayoral candidates, including Mayor Briley, participated in a forum on July 17. Topics included economic growth, workforce development, traffic issues, and more. Read more [here](#).

Follow the [Democratic Mayors](#) on Twitter for updates on this race and more.

## House Democrats Pass Federal Minimum Wage Legislation



**Last Thursday, House Democrats passed legislation to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025.**

According to estimates, the [Raise the Wage Act](#) would give up to 33 million Americans a raise and lift at least 1.3 million Americans out of poverty.

"America's workers deserve a raise," Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said.

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The legislation also ensures that all workers earn at least the federal minimum wage by phasing out over time the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers, youth workers, and Americans with disabilities.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has indicated that he will not be taking the legislation up for a vote in the Senate.

We will keep you updated on any further developments.

## CNN Releases Candidate Lineups for Second Debate

Hosted by CNN, the second primary debate will be held in Detroit next week on consecutive nights: Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31. Last Thursday, CNN held a live random draw to determine the lineups for each night of the debate.

All but one of the candidates who appeared in the first debate in June will be on stage in Detroit next week. Rep. Eric Swalwell [ended his presidential campaign](#) on July 9. However, Montana Governor Steve Bullock has reached the qualifying criteria set by the DNC to qualify for the debate, keeping the number of participating candidates at 20.

July 30 lineup, from left to right:

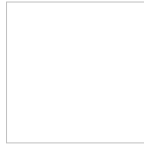
- **Marianne Williamson**, author
- Rep. **Tim Ryan** of Ohio
- Sen. **Amy Klobuchar** of Minnesota
- South Bend Mayor **Pete Buttigieg**
- Sen. **Bernie Sanders** of Vermont
- Sen. **Elizabeth Warren** of Massachusetts
- Former Rep. **Beto O'Rourke** of Texas
- Former Gov. **John Hickenlooper** of Colorado
- Former Rep. **John Delaney** of Maryland
- Gov. **Steve Bullock** of Montana

July 31 lineup, from left to right:

- Sen. **Michael Bennet** of Colorado
- Sen. **Kirsten Gillibrand** of New York
- **Julián Castro**, former HUD Secretary and Mayor of San Antonio
- Sen. **Cory Booker** of New Jersey
- Former Vice President **Joe Biden**
- Sen. **Kamala Harris** of California
- **Andrew Yang**, entrepreneur
- Rep. **Tulsi Gabbard** of Hawaii
- Gov. **Jay Inslee** of Washington
- New York City Mayor **Bill de Blasio**

*As with the first primary debate, we will be live-tweeting the second primary debate from our official Democratic Mayors Twitter account. We encourage you to [follow along](#) and participate in the conversation!*

## Topline Talking Points: The Democratic Party Agenda



## **Topline Talkers: The Democratic Party Agenda**

**Trump attacks Democrats for not getting any work done in Congress. The reality is that Democrats have actually done a lot, but Trump has opposed their legislation, and it has stalled in Mitch McConnell's legislative graveyard, despite broad support from voters.**

**Here's a look at some of what Democrats have done:**

- House Democrats passed the Raise the Wage Act to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour.
- House Democrats passed the American Dream and Promise Act to provide hardworking immigrants a much deserved pathway to citizenship.
- Democrats passed a disaster relief bill.
- House Democrats passed the Equality Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- House Democrats passed a package of bills to protect people's access to health care and help make prescription drugs more affordable.
- House Democrats passed a bill to restore net neutrality.
- House Democrats passed the Climate Action Now Act to take action to protect our climate and create economic opportunities.
- House Democrats passed legislation to reauthorize and expand the Violence Against Women Act.
- House Democrats passed legislation to require background checks for all gun sales.
- House Democrats passed legislation to help close the gender pay gap.
- House Democrats passed historic anti-corruption reform.
- House Democrats passed election security legislation to strengthen our election systems against foreign interference.

**While Democrats are working for the American people, what has Trump done lately?**

## **AARP Announces Community Challenge Grant Winners**

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On July 17, AARP announced the largest group of AARP Community Challenge grantees to date.

**AARP will distribute nearly \$1.6 million among 159 grant winners developing "quick-action" projects in communities across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.**

Each project will help communities make immediate improvements while jumpstarting long-term progress to support residents of all ages.

*"AARP's teams on the ground across the country hear from Mayors, local leaders and residents about the value of getting quick wins to create long-term change. We developed the Community Challenge grant program to answer that call and help build momentum for more livable communities nationwide."*

*- Nancy LeaMond, AARP Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer*

Each of the projects, which must be completed by November 4, 2019, is designed to achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Create vibrant public places that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.
- Demonstrate the tangible value of "Smart Cities" by engaging residents and policymakers in accessing, understanding and using data to increase quality of life for all.
- Deliver a range of transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, wayfinding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements.
- Support the availability of a range of housing that increases accessible and affordable housing options.

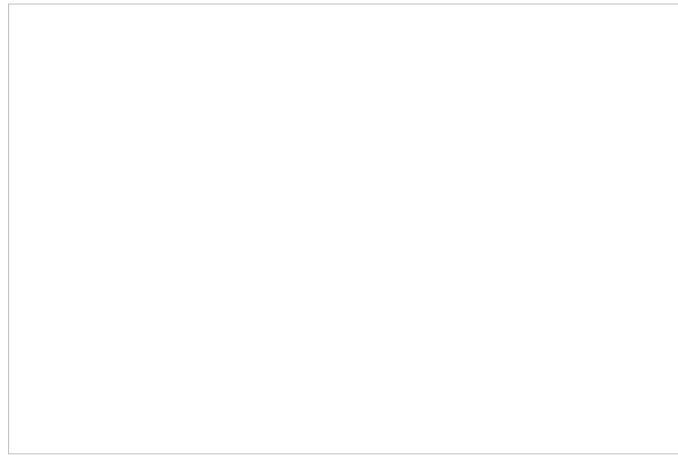
**View a full list of grantees [here](#).**

The Community Challenge grant program is part of AARP's nationwide [Livable Communities](#) initiative, which helps communities become great places to live for residents of all ages.

*AARP has been a Democratic Mayors Alliance Member since 2017.*

## Mayors in Action

***Mayors Testify Before Senate Committee to Urge Climate Action***



Last Wednesday, five Democratic Mayors testified at the first hearing of the U.S. Senate Democrats' Special Committee on the Climate Crisis to advocate for greater federal support to help cities meet their climate goals, especially regarding transportation.

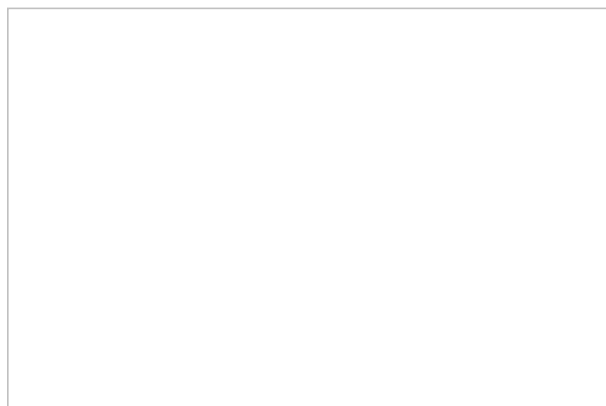
St. Paul **Mayor Melvin Carter**, Pittsburgh **Mayor Bill Peduto**, Portland **Mayor Ted Wheeler**, Atlanta **Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms**, and Honolulu **Mayor Kirk Caldwell** discussed the ways in which cities have stepped up to address climate change and set ambitious goals in the face of inaction at the federal level.

Mayor Peduto called for a "Marshall Plan for the Midwest" to help communities with struggling economies create programs and jobs in renewable energy and foster a green economy.

"There need to be federal programs that aren't just looking at how much our carbon reduction is, but what the economic benefit will be, what the opportunities for employment will be, how this will help areas that have been left behind," he said.

Read more [here](#).

### ***Mayor Adler Calls for Swift, Decisive Action on Homelessness in Op-Ed***



Austin **Mayor Steve Adler** called for decisive and swift action on homelessness in an Op-Ed titled ["Want to stop people sleeping in public spaces? House them."](#) which appeared in The Statesman yesterday.

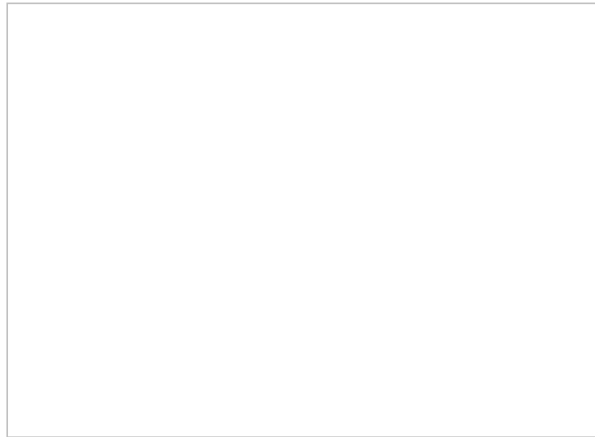
Mayor Adler noted that some of the conventional methods of addressing homelessness in communities - the "perverse game of moving people around and solving nothing" - merely shifts the challenge out of view without solving it. Instead, he argues, there's a simple answer: "Want to help people? House them. Want to stop people sleeping in public spaces? House them."

"To prevent camping, sitting and lying in certain locations, we need to provide better and safer places for people experiencing homelessness to be, with the appropriate social services. That's the deal, the quid pro quo, the social compact we must achieve," he said.

While achieving better outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness requires difficult decisions and community and political will to overcome competing needs, "we can do this," he writes. Austin's homelessness numbers are not overwhelming compared to other cities with greater challenges, but the city must act early and decisively, he said.

Read Mayor Adler's piece in The Statesman [here](#).

### ***Mayor Breed Announces \$9.8 Million Increase in Income Assistance for Low-Income Adults***



San Francisco **Mayor London Breed** recently announced a \$9.8 million increase in income assistance for residents over a two year period.

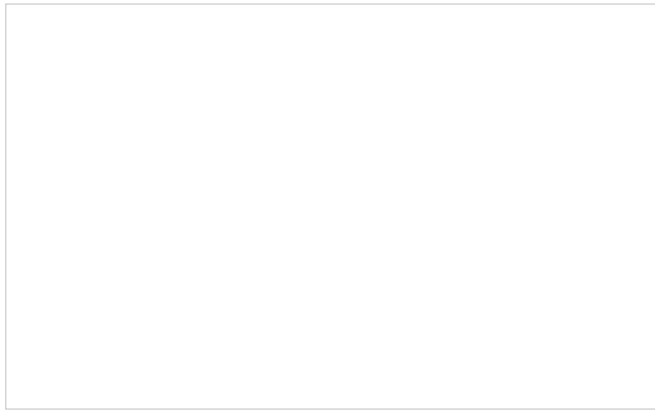
The funding will support the County Adult Assistance Programs (CAAP), which provide monthly cash assistance to approximately 4,700 low-income adults without dependent children, including those experiencing homelessness, adults with disabilities, and those who need help finding employment.

"In a city as expensive as San Francisco, every dollar counts. This increased cash assistance can make the difference between someone having enough to eat or going hungry," Mayor Breed said . "I'm glad that we're able to increase this funding so that people can afford everyday things like food, toiletries, and medications, while we also connect them with the services they need, like housing placements, education, and jobs."

CAAP provides adults seeking employment with training, work experience, education, and supportive services with the goal of self-sufficiency. CAAP recipients additionally receive assistance with housing placements, access to substance abuse and mental health services, assistance obtaining a free ID or driver's license, free monthly public transport passes, and free museum passes.

To read more about the increased funding towards income assistance and CAAP, click [here](#).

### ***Gun Buyback Event in Albuquerque Gets 415 Guns Off the Streets***

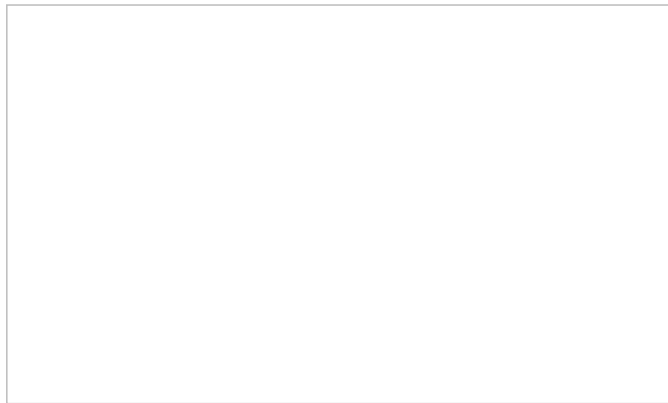


As part of **Mayor Tim Keller's** efforts to reduce gun violence, the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) held a Gun Buyback event last week that yielded 415 firearms turned into police, including five that had been reported stolen.

"This is one part of our multi-pronged effort to reduce gun violence in Albuquerque," Mayor Keller said. "As police work to keep people safe, we also need support from law-abiding citizens who are often targeted by thieves. This successful gun buyback event gave people a safe way to dispose of unwanted firearms, while taking those guns out of circulation."

The buyback event was modeled after similar events held in Chicago, San Diego, and Santa Fe. Read more about the event and Mayor Keller's efforts to reduce gun violence [here](#) and [here](#).

### ***Mayor Lightfoot Joins Walgreens to Promote Free HIV Testing Day***

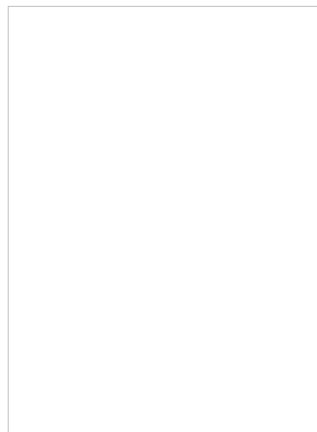


Chicago **Mayor Lori Lightfoot** joined representatives from Walgreens and Beyond Care to highlight the importance of HIV testing in observance of National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) on June 27.

Mayor Lightfoot shared remarks, took an HIV test, and spoke with press about the effort.

The National HIV Testing Day Community Partnership is part of an ongoing effort between Walgreens, Greater Than AIDS and over 260 health departments, AIDS service organizations and other community organizations to broaden the reach of HIV testing and information in non-traditional settings and help people understand the latest in HIV prevention, treatment and care.

Learn more [here](#).



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**Mayors:** Do you have an initiative or event that should be highlighted in Mayors in Action?

If so, email [Ellie@DemocraticMayors.org](mailto:Ellie@DemocraticMayors.org)!

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## OLHCHH Celebrates the 1st Anniversary of the Implementation of Smoke-Free Public Housing Rule

Houses

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) is pleased to celebrate the one-year implementation anniversary of HUD's [Instituting Smoke-Free Public Housing](#) rule issued by HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH).

The rule requires all public housing agencies (PHAs) to prohibit smoking inside and within 25 feet of the exterior of public housing residential and administrative buildings.

HUD's smoke-free rule is a reflection of HUD's commitment to using housing as a platform to create healthy communities. By reducing secondhand smoke exposure, the rule creates healthier environments for families living in public housing. The rule also reduces the risk of fire.

**Thank you to all who have helped support and implement this important policy over the past year.**

For more information, please visit [OLHCHH's Smoke-Free webpage](#) or [PIH's Smoke-Free Public Housing webpage](#).

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TO: The Honorable Bernard Young, Mayor of Baltimore, CC Dr. Ben Carson, Rep. Mark Meadows, Baltimore Sun

RE: Meeting With President Trump

There is a time and purpose for everything; there is a time to be brave and tough; there is also a time to be temperate; time to break down and build up; time to keep silent and a time to speak; there is a time to show patience, kindness, compassion, humility, mercy and forgiveness.

"We are either a United people or we are not. If the former, let us, in all matters of general concern act as a nation, which have national objects to promote, and a national character to support. If we are not, let us no longer act as a farce by pretending it." George Washington to James Madison November 30, 1785

HOW WE TREAT OTHERS (NAME CALLING AND INSULTS: Racist, Nazi, Sleazebag, Rat, ) MATTERS VENGEANCE IS MINE; I WILL REPAY, SAITH THE LORD (ROMANS 12:19), DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE. (1 CORINTHIANS 16:1) STAY PRAYERFUL, REPENT, AND KEEP THE FAITH.

Mayor Young, First, if you are really sincere about working with President Trump, please pick up the phone and call The President, Dr. Ben Carson, or Jared Kushner. The president has stated that "When the leaders of Baltimore want to see the city rise again, I'm in the beautiful oval shaped office waiting for your call" (Junly 29, 2019). I really believe that he would be willing to help Baltimore

Personally, I think I understand "why" the president tweeted about Rep. Cummings, but no one really knows "what" the president was thinking; however, its the wording that was problematic. Nevertheless, I believe President Trump was responding to Rep. Cummings for lashing out at the Acting Secretary of DHS that 'his administration had children sitting in their own feces'. In addition, after two years of investigation (every single day of this administration), more than \$25 million dollars and millions of documents, Rep. Cummings and other Democrats are still trying to have the President removed from office; now Rep. Cummings is even asking for all of the president's financial documents before he became president. Rep. Cummings has also requested all of Ivanka and Jared's emails and text messages. PRESIDENT TRUMP IS A FIGHTER. SO, I THINK THIS IS THE PRESIDENT'S WAY OF PUSHING BACK. IN FACT, HE TWEETED ABOUT THE 17 ANGRY DEMOCRATS THROUGHOUT THE MUELLER'S INVESTIGATION.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/house/453800-cummings-tears-into-trump-dhs-chief-for-treatment-of-migrant-children-at>

FRANKLY, BOTH SIDES (DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS, MEN, WOMEN, BLACK AND WHITE) NEED TO STOP THE PUBLIC FEUDING AND PERSONAL ATTACKS. ALSO, WORDS MATTER. WORDS ARE POWERFUL. HENCE, WE ALL MUST THINK BEFORE SPEAK

Second, Why would you expect President Trump to respond differently to Rep. Cummings than he would anyone else. Is it because Rep. Cummings is an African American. New Hampshire is 98.8% White and the Governor is one of his major supporters; yet, President Trump made similar remark about New Hampshire;

<https://www.newsweek.com/trump-new-hampshire-won-drugs-645988>

<http://joemiller.us/2019/01/democratic-congressman-who-called-trump-a-grand-wizard-says-he-never-called-the-president-racist/>

<https://thehill.com/opinion/civil-rights/375693-With-cries-of-racist-and-Nazi-Democrats-betray-our-history>

I UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH OF THIS IS POLITICAL THEATRE; HOWEVER, I DO THINK DEMOCRATS HAVE GONE ENTIRELY TOO FAR WITH THIS RESISTANCE CAMPAIGN.

Every day since November 8, 2016, to undermine and/or destroy this president, there has been this intense resistance by Democrats, NeverTrumpers, and Media--the Violent protests, Challenge to Vote Count, Challenge to the Electoral college, Challenge to Electoral Vote Count, Boycotts, Marches, Death Threats, White House Leaks, Intelligence Leaks, Family Business Opportunities jeopardized, Harassment of Trump's Cabinet Members, Wife, Children, Supporters, Free Speech Suppressed, Claims of Russian Collusion, Claims of Illegitimacy, Claims of Obstruction of Justice, Claims of Treason,

Calls for Impeachment, Calls for 25th Amendment, Bloody Severed Head, Calls for Assassination, and the OVERWHELMING negatively hostile news reports are alarming.

MALICIOUS STRATEGY, You do not like Trump. But, please understand, while trying to humiliate, destroy President Trump or whatever, you are also weakening our very own republic system of government and harming our own country. I can understand why you may dislike President Trump's NYC hardnose, business style and personal behavior, ideas, or rhetoric. I GET IT. I also understand that much of this is political theatre. However, I do not understand why you or any American citizen would take 'any' actions that would cause harm, destroy, or undermine our own country. OKAY FINE, I GET IT. Again, I can understand why you may dislike President Trump's NYC hardnose, business style and personal behavior, ideas, or rhetoric. . Please understand, while trying to humiliate, destroy President Trump or whatever, Democrats are also weakening our very own republic system of government, harming our own country, empowering our adversaries and totalitarian governments. Hence, Democrats have gone entirely too far with this resistance campaign. Considering the relentless resistance campaign that has occurred everyday since November 9, 2016, why shouldn't North Korea, Iran, Russia, China, Mayor of London, Jeremy Corbyn of UK Parliament or other countries, try to 'undercut' the United States. BUT LET'S BE VERY CLEAR, FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, THIS IS ABOUT DESTROYING AMERICA, THE WORLD'S SUPERPOWER. SOME DEMOCRATS AND OTHERS ARE JUST ASSISSTING OUR OPPONENTS AND ADVERSARIES TO WEAKEN OUR OWN COUNTRY. Again, We must stop criminalizing political differences (on both sides). We can do better than this. We must do better than this.

UNITED WE STAND; DIVIDED WE ALL FALL

"No country upon earth ever had it more than in its power to attain these blessings than the United America. Wondrously strange, then, and much regretted indeed it would be were we to neglect the means and depart from the road which providence has pointed us so plainly. I cannot believe it will ever become to pass." George Washington, 1788

As most in my family, I voted in 2012 for President Obama; 2008 President Obama; 2004 Secretary Kerry; 2000 Vice President Gore; 1996 President Clinton; 1992 President Clinton; 1988 Governor Dukakis; 1984 Vice President Walter Mondale; 1980 President Jimmy Carter; 1976 President Jimmy Carter; 1972 Senator McGovern; 1968 Vice President Hubert Humphrey. For 2016, with Democrats moving too far to the left and Republicans moving too far to the right, it was precisely because of this type of resistance and obstruction that the American people rejected both major parties in 2016. In addition, both candidates were very flawed; In fact, Secretary Clinton's baggage neutralized President Trump's baggage.

IT IS TIME FOR RENEWAL, RESTORATION, RECONCILIATION. FORGIVENESS. WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING THAT WE ARE LIVING ON THE BEST PLANET, IT IS TIME FOR ALL OF US TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BRING OUR COUNTRY TOGETHER; FOCUS ON THE GOOD AND HOPE FOR BETTER FUTURE;

LET'S STAY PRAYERFUL , REPENT, AND KEEP THE FAITH. Bernice King (Dr. Martin Luther King's youngest child): It is easy to become bitter. It is easy to become angry. It is easy to want to take revenge. However, we must have the capacity to understand that 'by destroying them, part of me is being destroyed.'

Apostle Paul writes "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith; If we live in the spirit, let us walk in the spirit. Galatians 5 22 1 25)

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we don't see. Hebrew 11: 1 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Let the Light Shine Brightly

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**Subject:** Fwd: Solve your trash disposal problems

**Attachment(s):** "solid waste Feb 2019.pdf"

[THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL SENDER]

Good Day

Kindly direct this e mail to the interested office at the port/ city

The Port is very busy with cruise and merchant ships coming and going daily which all bring solid waste trash and plastic for disposal by the port

Do you agree it would be convenient if you could direct the trash to a convenient location in the local area and not have to transport it to an unsightly land fill at high and timely delivery cost our proposal will dispose of all your port trash leaving a little residue with no incinerator or odor while producing diesel oil which can be used by the port

Note your current disposal company is making huge profits with transport and land fill

We are prepared to capitalize a location in your area which could also support the city port and other close by counties

As you are aware HUD is in full support of locating new business in disadvantaged area for the benefit of the community in view of your current political situation this could be an answer to bring good business to the area

Kindly review the attached document which is our basic proposal

Regards

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